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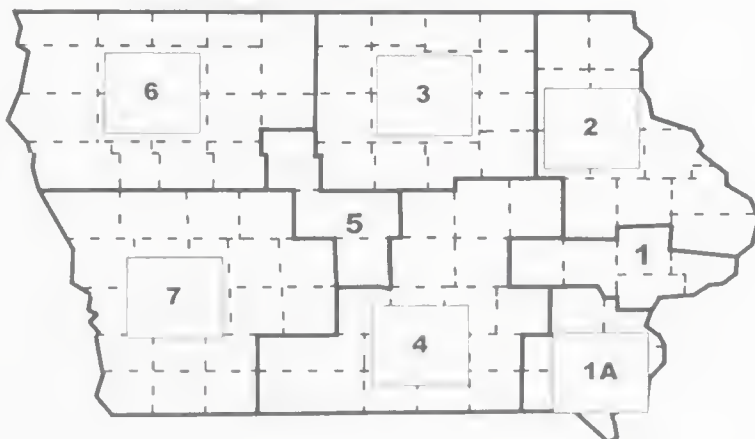
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From the Editor

Would you like to see news of your club's activities covered in *The Iowa Collector*? The editor welcomes news of club happenings in the *Iowa Numismatic Associations* region. Send any information on your upcoming coin show, election of new officers and other club news and articles, prepared by club members, to the Editor. Include any photographs with your article, to make your story more interesting.

Send to: Editor, *The Iowa Collector*
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Presidents Message

John Jackson



Tuition is due. Summer is ending and school is starting soon. Where does the time go? As I write this, I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer and spent lots of time with family and friends. I have still been very busy with shows, but managed some time off as well.

We started the summer off with the Nebraska state coin show in South Sioux City, which I had the pleasure of being the bourse chairman for. We had a decent crowd and lots of dealers from all over the country. It was attended by collectors from throughout the area.

Then we went to Colorado Springs for the Colorado Springs Coin Club show which included ANA seminars. These are a great place to learn many new things about this great hobby of ours! After a relaxing 4th of July we with family and friends, we went to the show in Altoona, Iowa put on by the Des Moines Coin Club. Which was a very well done affair.

As of this writing, the price of metals and many coins is still at very low levels. We haven't seen numbers this low for 5 to 10 years, so it still continues to be a buyer's market. It is a good chance to add that hard to find item to your collection!

With the fall schedule starting soon and lots of shows coming up, I hope to see everyone at one of the shows in the area. It would also be great to see any of you with some spare time get more involved with your local or state clubs and see what you can do to help this hobby to become a wonderful experience for all the new collectors that are just starting out on their journey into numismatics in Iowa!

John Jackson

President Iowa Numismatic Association



From The Secretary's Desk

Beverly Ashton



Hello from Fort Dodge, Wow, where has the summer gone? I think time moves faster each year. Here it is another school year starting & it seems like summer just started! That must mean I better get started on Christmas before it sneaks up on me.

This year we vote on Outstanding Numismatist. You should have the ballots already. Please mark your choice and return it to me ASAP. I need to have these counted and a plaque made up for the recipient before the INA Convention in Altoona, October 24 & 25.

What are the markets doing? Right now gold spot is around \$1,090. With silver about \$14.70. It isn't making any sense at all. Prices are way down, but premiums are way up so it seems like we are still paying the high prices. See you at the Shows.

Beverly Ashton
INA Secretary/Treasurer

INA Board and Membership Meeting Dates

The INA officers hold three board meetings each year and one open membership meeting. These meetings are held in conjunction with a coin show. The annual board meeting is held during the INA's Annual Coin Show & Convention which is hosted by a different Coin Club each year. The INA's officers board meeting is held the evening of the first day of the INA coin show and the open membership meeting is conducted on the morning of the second day of the INA coin show.

Regular INA Board meetings:

February 21, 2015 at Coin-a-Rama, Nevada, Iowa

July 12, 2015 at Central Iowa Coin & Stamp Expo, Altoona, Iowa

October 24, 2015 at Annual INA Show, Altoona, Iowa

October 25, 2015 Open membership meeting, Altoona, Iowa

President John Jackson called the meeting to order. The minutes were read, Denny Ross motioned they be accepted, Rusty Crawford seconded and they were approved. The Treasure's report was given with a balance of \$9,198.07 in the general fund. Ron Lashmit motioned the report be accepted, Dave Stark seconded and it was approved.

The next Collector is due out September 1st with a deadline of the end of July.

Outstanding Numismatist nominees are: Bob Simon, Dean Parr, Rusty Crawford.

Dean Parr reports that the website is a lot better now. It has been easier to access therefore easier to get into and change things as needed.

Chris Seuntjens gave an update on the upcoming state show. Ed Morrow will give a talk on the unusual world money and Mitch Ernst will be doing scout merit badges. Would there be a YN auction? There probably would not be an auction. Chris showed us a questionnaire that the Des Moines Coin Club was using with registration. It asked 'How did you hear about the show?', 'What is your e-mail address?' & 'Would you like to be notified of up coming shows?' This could be very helpful in deciding where to spend our advertising budget.

Rusty brought up a question that was posed to an INA's club hosting a show. Would a minor be able to rent & run a table at a show? After much discussion as to possible legal issues with this, it was decided that we should change the convention manual to state that dealers must be of legal age.

The INA show in 2016 will be in Sioux City. So we should be heading to Eastern Iowa for 2017.

Congratulations to John Jackson on receiving the Point of Light Award, Tom Robertson 50 years in ANA, Bob Simon 60 yrs in ANA & Cedar Rapids Club 75 yrs ANA. Our thanks went out to the Des Moines Club for a great show.

Denny motioned we adjourn, Ron seconded and we adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Beverly Ashton

Secretary Treasurer

Members Present: Rusty Crawford, Denny Ross, John Jackson, Sam Ashton, Chris Seuntjens, Bev Ashton, Don McCulloch, Dean Parr, Dave Stark, Bob Simon, Tom Robertson & Ron Lashmit

From The Editors Desk

Denny Ross



Here it is the first of September and Fall is knocking at the door. Already summer seems like a fading memory.

Everyone should have received the ballots for 'Outstanding Numismatist'. These need to be completed and returned to the INA Secretary ASAP. You have 3 outstanding individuals to choose from, all of which have contributed to the hobby of their time and efforts to make this great hobby of ours a greater and more informative hobby for all collectors old and new.

The Iowa Numismatic Association's Convention and coin show is just around the corner, and again the Des Moines Coin Club has put together an outstanding program of events for all of those who attend this years Convention.

Plan to attend, bring a friend, and take advantage of the decrease in the market prices of those key items that you need to fill those empty spaces in your albums.

The INA and its members extend its condolences to the family and friends of Marv Rothmeyer and Bill Parrish who passed in June of this year. Both were long time INA members and numismatic dealers and will be greatly missed by all in the numismatic community.

I look forward to seeing many of those INA members who attend the INA State show on October the 24th and 25th.

Denny Ross
Editor: The Iowa Collector

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| Ads | 1,620.00 | |
| Interest | <u>1.92</u> | |
| | 3,199.92 | |
| Expenses | | |
| Framing | 101.38 | |
| Returned Collectors | 12.87 | |
| Ottumwa Printing Collector | 829.61 | |
| Marv Rothmeyer flowers | 53.50 | |
| Collector mailing supplies | 29.62 | |
| Insurance | <u>1066.00</u> | |
| | 2,092.98 | |
| Current Balances | 9,819.07 | 0.00 |
| Checking | 6,819.59 | |
| Savings | 2,338.48 | 0.00 |
| Cash | <u>40.00</u> | |
| | 9,198.07 | <u>0.00</u> |

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The Bylaws can be viewed on the INA website: <http://ina.anaclubs.org>
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Ames ----- Last Wednesday, Senior Citizens Center, 7:00 PM Scott Nichols
(a (515) 232-9222

Burlington ----- Fourth Tuesday, No meeting in Dec., Burlington Public
Library, 210 Court St., 5:30 PM, Roger Armstrong (a (319) 850-7339

Cedar Rapids ----- Third Wednesday, 7:30 PM, Rockwell Main Plant
Cafeteria, 35th St. N. E., Bob Johnson (a (319) 573-6652

Clarion - Fourth Thursday, Pizza Ranch on Main St, 7:00 PM, Boyd LaRue
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Decorah ----- First Tuesday, V. F. W. Building basement , 104 State St 7:30
PM, Dave Sanderson (a (563) 568-2371

Dubuque ----- First Thursday, A&W-OKY DOKY, 1st & Locust St,
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PM, Robert Simon (a (515) 251-4031

Fort Dodge ----- Second Thursday, ICCC East Campus, 7:00 PM, Sam
Ashton (a (515) 573-3033

Glenwood Coin Club - Second Thursday, Glenwood Coin Shop, 13 North
Vine Street, Suite 2, 7:00 PM, Tom Flynn (712) 527-4321

Grinnell ----- Second Monday, Community Center (Senior Citizens Room)
7:30 PM, George Fowler (a (641) 236-3549

Hiawatha ----- Fourth Wednesday (except June & July), Hiawatha Library
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Keokuk ----- Third Thursday every month, Keokuk Public Library, 210
North 5th Street 7:00 PM, Tom Gardner (a (319) 524-7366

Old Capitol (Iowa City) ----- Second Tuesday, Veteran's Administration
Hospital (Third floor cafeteria), Hwy 6, 7:00 PM Tom Robertson (a
(319) 351-2512

Oskaloosa --- Second Thursday each month, 103 High Avenue, 7-30 PM
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Ottumwa - Fourth Tuesday, Albia Road Baptist Church, 1601 Albia Road (Basement), 7:00 PM, Kermit Uhde (641) 682-0525

Port City (Muscatine) - Fourth Tuesday (Dec meeting 3rd Tue), Musco Lighting, 2107 Stewart Rd., Muscatine 7 PM, Jim Burr (563) 262-9313

Quad City (Moline, IL) - Third Thursday, Calvary Lutheran Church, Avenue of the Cities and 29th St, 7:00 PM, Jeff Struve (309) 737-0206

Siouxland (Sioux City) - First Tuesday, First United Methodist Church, 1915 Nebraska Street, 7:00 PM, John Jackson (a) (712) 274-9195

Storm Lake - Second Tuesday, Chamber of Commerce Bldg., 119 West 6th Street, 7:00 PM, Russ Post (a) (712) 284-2110

Wadena - Third Thursday, Historical Center, West Union, IA, 7:30 PM Dr. James E. Ralls (a) (319) 283-4440

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Thank you for your sponsorship!

Chris Seuntjens
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Sept 20 Monthly Collector Show - Hilton Garden Inn, 2702 Mid America
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Sept 26 Ottumwa Coin & Stamp Show - Bridge View Center, 102 Church
Street, Ottumwa, IA (9 - 4) Denny Ross (541) 932-2731

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Dec 13 Old Capitol Coin Club Show - Clarion Hotel, I-80 & Hwy 1 (exit 246),
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Officers are elected every two years by membership vote, by mail ballot, and take office at the annual convention following election. Officers consist of 16 members, including the President, the First and Second Vice Presidents, the Secretary/Treasurer, the immediate Past-President, and 11 Directors.

The annual membership meeting is held each year at the Iowa Numismatic Associations Annual Convention held in the fall.

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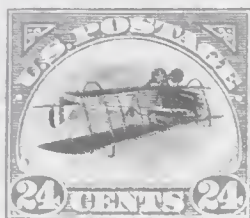
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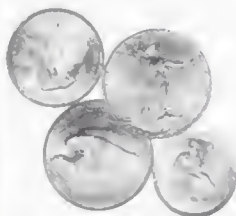


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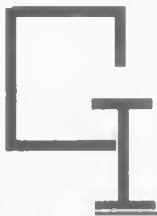
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D. Henry Voigt

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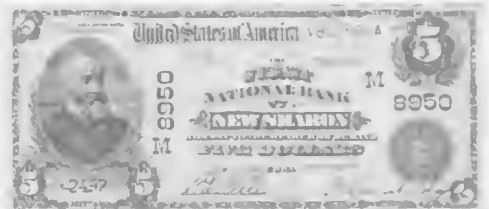
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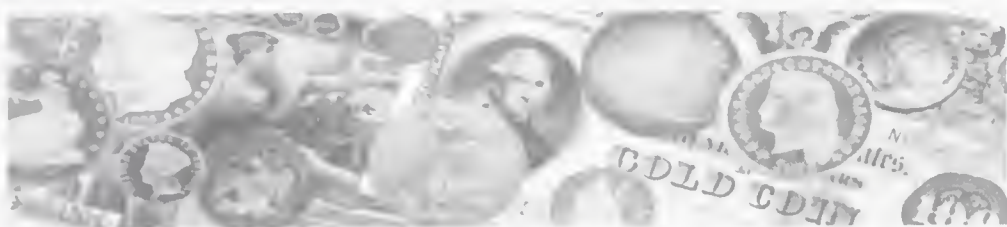
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Saturday October 24th

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| Dealer setup | 7:00 - 9:00 am |
| Early Bird Entry \$25.00 | 8:00 am |
| Bourse open to public | 9:00 am |
| Seminar: South Park Room | 1:00 pm |
| Seminar: South Park Room | 2:00 pm |
| Bourse closes | 5:00 pm |
| INA Board Meeting | 5:00pm |

Sunday October 25th

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| Membership Breakfast South park Room | 7:30 am |
| INA Membership meeting | 8:00 am |
| Bourse open to dealers | 9:00 am |
| Bourse open to public | 10:00 am |
| Bourse closes | 4:00pm |

Jim & Joyce Paicz from KDS Numismatics will have numismatic books and supplies available.

Educational Seminars

Saturday: South Park Room 1:00 pm
Topic: Unusual world money.

Sunday: South Park Room 9:00am
Topic: Boy Scout merit badge Clinic

Raffle Drawing Sunday at 4:00 pm

The INA and the Des Moines Coin Club invites you to attend the
77th Annual Coin Show & Convention.

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For further information Contact: Christopher Seuntjens (515) 251-4031
The INA and the Des Moines Coin Club and it's members are not responsible
for any loss or thefts

Seminar Speakers



Ed Morrow

Ed will be giving a talk on unusual world money. He is an avid collector of U.S. and world coins. During his stint in the military he visited several different countries and saved coins from those locations.

Upon his military duties ending he entered college and married and started a family. After obtaining employment in Des Moines, Iowa his interest in U. S. and foreign coins returned.

To this day he collects world foreign coins and U.S. fractional currency. He also has an avid interest in tokens including Iowa Trade tokens

Ed is a long time member of the Des Moines Coin Club as well as a member of the Iowa Numismatic Association.



Mitch Ernst

Mitch has led many Boy Scout merit badge clinics at the Durham Museum over the past 5 years. He has also assisted with other merit badge clinics at the Central States Numismatic Society for the past 2 years.

He is a certified merit badge counselor in the Mid-America Council in Omaha, NE.

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Governor of Central States Numismatic Society 2011-2012

President of the Omaha Coin Club since 2007

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Those Lovely, Large Cents – What Can We Afford Today?

by Mark Benvenuto

There's no two ways about it, large cents can be wonderful coins to collect. They have that heft in the hand, some real history to them, and a set of classic designs. But are they all out of reach as far as the average collector is concerned? Let's do a quick scan of them, going backwards in time, and see just what might still be available.

Coronet Large Cents

What are now called the Coronet large cents span from 1816 all the way to 1857, although many reference books and price lists make a special note of what is called the modified portrait version, which was first issued in 1839. The Red Book gives credit for the original design work to Robert Scot or John Reich, and credit for the modified portrait to Mr. Christian Gobrecht. Curiously, even at the outset of this series, almost three million were made (the official total for the year 1816 is 2,820,982). And each year after, there are mintage in the low millions for just about every year except the key date, the 1821. When it comes to interested collectors today, that sounds like good news.

A look at any major price list however will show us that the cost of large cents tend to jump up pretty quickly when we look at the higher grades. To understand this phenomenon, we might want to examine some figures from old US Censuses. In 1820 for example, the US Census tallied just over 9.6 million people for the whole country. That same year, the Mint pounded out 4.4 million Coronet Head cents. In 1830, the Census indicated there were 12,866,020 people in the US., and in 1840, the Census tallied up 17,069,453 people. By contrast, in 1830, the Mint produced just over 1.7 million cents, and in 1840 came out with another 2.46 million. So, even if the Mint was knocking out 4 million large cents per year, there really were never enough cents for such coins to be common to the people of the day. One can argue that this in turn meant the one-cent coins that were around tended to get used a lot, and worn in the process.

Whatever the reason though, the prices of Coronet large cents in grades such as F-12 or Vf-20 can be reasonable, as low as \$40 or \$50.

The price of those same cents in grades such as AU-50 or MS-60 however, rises quickly into the hundreds of dollars. If you're a frugal collector, it might be worth thinking about the more circulated examples of these particular large cents. But frugal or not, it appears that there is at least one collectible design among the large coppers.

Classic Head Design

Moving back to the Classic Head design for the large cent, issued for only six years, and the design work of Mr. John Reich, one quickly finds there are just three years with mintage that went up into seven figures. The cents of 1808, as well as 1810 and 1812, are those that should be considered common. The 1810 saw 1.4 million produced, and the other two just tripped over the 1 million coin mark. The 1809, the 1811, and the final two years, the 1813 and '14, are all considerably more scarce.

With that wind-up, we might be excused for thinking that any of the Classic Head large cents is going to be furiously expensive. If we shoot for the higher grades, this does become true. Any of these early cents will cost a few thousand dollars in a grade such as EF-40 or higher. But in grades like VG-8 or F-12, the prices drop down to a few hundred. Sure, these are coins with some wear, but a good looking F-12 piece can still have some eye appeal to it.

Draped Bust, Flowing Hair, and Liberty Cap Designs

Okay, unless you have never examined any of the large cents at all, you'll know that the earliest of the United States coppers are always going to be expensive coins. In general, if it has a date in the 1790's, it's going to cost more than one that is just a few years younger. For example, even though the 1797's and the 1798's had pretty decent mintage – 897,510 and 1.84 million, respectively – they tend to cost more than the 1800, the 1801, and the 1802, even though the 1801 only had an official mintage of 1.36 million.

Despite the general sticker shock associated with the earliest large cents, that last trio we just mentioned represent the earliest that might just still be affordable if again we shoot for a grade like VG-8 or F-12. The best of the three will be the 1802, which runs about \$250 in F-12. Once again, this is a grade that can still have some charm, especially if a person is patient in hunting down a solid, problem-free example.

The British Cartwheel

To add one or two more large coppers of the time to our list, though admittedly not US ones, why not consider finding one 1797 British penny, and one of its big brother, as it were, the 1797 copper two pence piece? These are the first of what would become a long string of British copper pennies, and the two pence piece is large and thick enough that it quickly earned the name "cartwheel." Both are quite collectible, and the price tags might be pleasant reading, especially when compared to the earliest US large cents. In these two cases \$50 will still go pretty far.

All things considered?

It looks as if we've found that there are some good buys among the US large cents, as well as some that only make us shake our heads and sigh. But whatever your comfort level is when it comes to making purchases for your collection, there seems to be some point within these big coppers that just about everyone can enjoy. If you haven't looked at large cents in a while, the best of luck to you as you take a peek now.



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Rusty is a member of the ANA, and CONECA. Before moving to Iowa, he was a member of the Nebraska Numismatic Association.



Dean Parr

Dean started collecting coins as a Cub Scout in 1958 when he received a Christmas gift of the Lincoln Cents No. 2 Whitman folder. He has spent many hours searching rolls of coins purchased from local banks, collecting most of the circulating coins of the time. In the mid 1970's Dean purchased a copy of Krause World Coins and a pound of world coins. He now collects world coins by date and mint. Dean is a life member of the Cedar Rapids Coin Club and has served as secretary since 2001. He is also a member of the INA since 1998 and is currently 1st Vice President as well as the Web Master for the INA's web site.



Robert Simon

Robert is a long time member of the American Numismatic Association and a life member of the Iowa numismatic Association. He began collecting coins at the age of 13. Robert attended Simpson College and Iowa State University prior to serving 4 years in the U. S. Navy from 1952 thru 1954. He is a retired insurance claim supervisor and is presently a volunteer docent at the Iowa Historical building in Des Moines. Robert is a friend to everyone and is at every Des Moines coin show helping in whatever capacity he might be needed. He is currently a Director at Large for the INA

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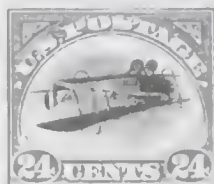


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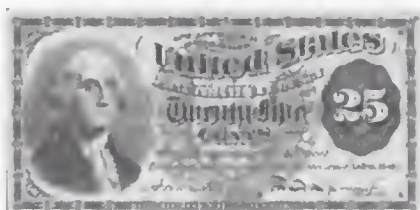
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Bill was born June 7, 1938 to William and Irene (Odin) Parrish In Fraser, Iowa. He graduated from Ankeny High School with Shirley In 1956 and then served his country in both the Navy and Army. After the services he and Shirley were united in marriage on June 9, 1959. Bill worked for the post office before retiring, and continued to work after retirement for both Karl Chevrolet and Bob Brown Chevrolet. He was an avid coin collector as a member of the Ames Coin Club as well as a member of the Iowa Numismatic Association for over 30 years. Bill had a huge heart and he had the ability to to carry on a conversation with anyone, always finding common ground.

Bill was a talker, and most of all he was family man, There wasn't anything he wouldn't do for a stranger.



Marvin Rothmeyer January 1923 - June 2015

Marvin was born on January 27, 1923, in Eldorado, Iowa, the son of Hilda Rothmeyer. He was baptized as a youth in in Eldorado, Iowa, and also baptized as an adult in May of 2015. Marvin attended the West Union School System, graduating in 1941. Marvin entered the U.S. Army where he served in both WWII and Korean War. In August of 1950, Marvin was united in marriage to Ruth Evelyn Graves in Independence, Iowa. The couple made their home in Waterloo, where Marvin worked for Rath Packing Company in Waterloo for 41 years. Ruth died on November 22, 1997 and Marvin continued to live in his home until May 27, 2015 when he became a resident of the Manor Care Health Services.

In his spare time Marvin enjoyed Coin collecting, traveling, and watching Pro Wrestling. Marvin had an infectious smile and a great sense of humor.

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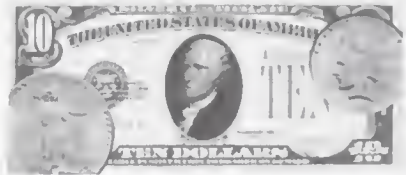
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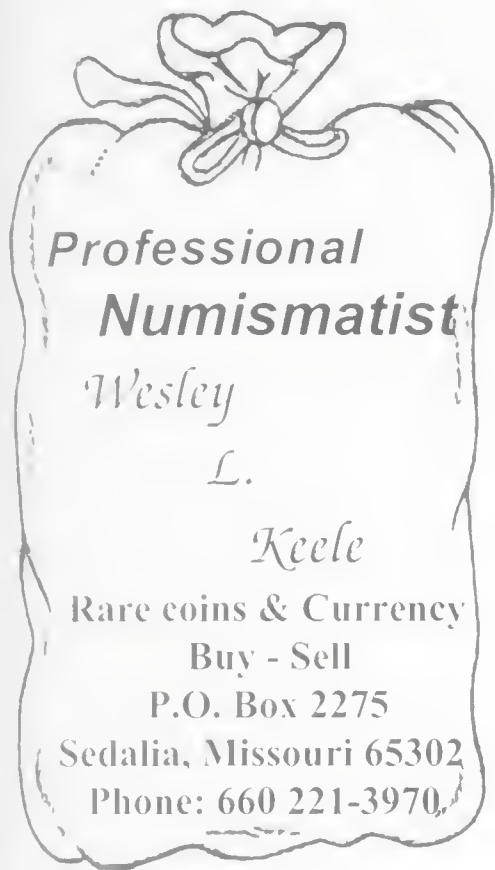
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